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SUBJECT: HODA TEWFIK ON ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS

1. EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL. IN GUMHURIYYA COMMENTARY JUNE 29
HODA TEWFIK SUGGESTS THAT SIGNIFICANCE OF EGYPTIAN
PROPOSALS (REGARDING THE WEST BANK AND GAZA) IS THAT
THEY ANSWER ISRAELI CRITICISM THAT EGYPT HAD NOT MADE
COUNTERPROPOSAL TO SELF-RULE PLAN. TEWFIK NOTES SADAT
ANNOUNCED IN NY TIMES INTERVIEW OF MAY 10 HIS "FAMOUS
PROPOSAL" FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM THE WEST BANK
(WITH ITS RETURN TO JORDAN) AND FROM GAZA (WITH ITS
RETURN TO EGYPT). THEN BOTH EGYPT AND JORDAN WOULD
DISCUSS WITH ISRAEL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND THE PALES-
TINIAN PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED "IN AN ARAB FRAMEWORK."

2. U.S. ROLE. TEWFIK CLAIMS AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND HIS
ADMINISTRATION SAID EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL IS THE "ONE HOPE"
FOR RENEWING PEACE EFFORTS, WHICH IS CAUSE FOR THE
"MADNESS" WHICH HAS AFFLICTED ISRAEL. TEWFIK CONTINUES:
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"ON THIS BASIS THE AMERICAN PLAN IS TO PUT THE PROPOSALS
OF THE TWO PARTIES ON THE TABLE, THE EGYPTIAN AND
ISRAELI, ALONG WITH ISRAELI RESPONSES TO AMERICA AND THE
MEMORANDUM INTERPRETING THE RESPONSES." TEWFIK, NOTING
THAT THERE WIDE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN APPROACH
AND THAT OF BEGIN, ASKS HOW IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO
APPROACHES TO BE RESOLVED. THIS IS THE "DIFFICULT EQUA-

TION" WHICH THE U.S. FACES DURING THE CRITICAL NEXT
STAGE. AS AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL DESCRIBED IT DURING
CONVERSATION WITH HER IN WASHINGTON, TASK OF RESOLVING THE
DIFFERENCES MEANS "IT WILL BE A HOT SUMMER FOR US."
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